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May 10, 2006

Hon. James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: Hackberry Zone, Reservoir A, and
Nonion Struma Zone, Reservoir A, in
Thompson Bluff Field, Jefferson Davis
Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Stroud Production LLC to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, pertaining to the following matters relative to the Hackberry Zone, Reservoir A, and the Nonion Struma Zone, Reservoir A, both located in Thompson Bluff Field, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana:

Hackberry Zone, Reservoir A

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Hackberry Zone, Reservoir A, Thompson Bluff Field, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana;
2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the Hackberry Zone, Reservoir A, designated as the HBY RA SUA and HBY RA SUB, as shown on the plat attached hereto;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the

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producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation;

5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the Hackberry Zone, Reservoir A.

The Hackberry Zone, Reservoir A, in the Thompson Bluff Field, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing zone found between the depths of 7,290 feet and 7,799 feet (electric log measurements) in the Hunt Oil Company-Hayes Lumber Company, Inc. No. 1 Well, located in Section 28, Township 7 South, Range 7 West, Topsy Field, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana.

Nonion Struma Zone, Reservoir A

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Nonion Struma Zone, Reservoir A, Thompson Bluff Field, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana;
2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the Nonion Struma Zone, Reservoir A, designated as the NS RA SUA and NS RA SUB as shown on the plat attached hereto;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation;
5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the Nonion Struma Zone, Reservoir A.

The Nonion Struma Zone, Reservoir A, in the Thompson Bluff Field, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing zone found between the depths of 7,799 feet and 8,000 feet (electric log measurements) in the Hunt Oil Company-Hayes Lumber Company, Inc. No. 1 Well, located in Section 28, Township 7 South, Range 7 West, Topsy Field, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana.

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No request for the pre-application conference was received, and accordingly IT WILL NOT BE HELD. No opposition is expected at the hearing on this matter.

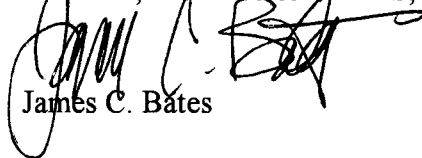
In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for posting of the legal notice and unit plat in a prominent place in the area of Thompson Bluff Field. Additionally, the legal notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of Thompson Bluff Field at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

All pertinent data relating to this proposed application may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from W. H. Robbins & Associates, 302 La Rue France, Suite 200, Lafayette, Louisiana, 70508, (337) 232-5004.

Enclosed to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager **ONLY** is a list of Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom a copy of this notice is being sent and plats showing the proposed units. Copies of this list and plats will be provided upon request. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties or Represented Parties. Also enclosed is our check payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

STRAIN, DENNIS & BATES, L.L.P.



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cc: Mr. Richard Hudson
District Manager

Interested Parties
Interested Owners
Represented Parties

